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From: Director, Office of Fire and Aviation

Subject: Interim Aerial Supervision Module Operations Guide 2003

Program Area: Aviation Management

Purpose: This Instruction Memorandum (IM) transmits and documents the interim *Aerial Supervision Module Operations Guide 2003*. **This guide sets the standards that will be policy during the 2003 fire season.**

Policy/Action: This guide has been developed to provide standardization and policy for Aerial Supervision Module operations and training. While this document is Bureau specific, it does incorporate interagency standards. This guide supplements the Bureau Manual 9400 sections.

Time Frame: This IM is effective upon receipt and open for comment until December 1, 2003.

Budget Impact: This guide reflects a commitment to safe and efficient aerial supervision operations that cannot be addressed as a direct budget element.

Background: The *National Study of Tactical Aerial Resource Management to Support Initial Attack and Large Fire Suppression*, and the *Management Options Team for TARMS Final Report* describe the need for standard operating procedures and training for Aerial Supervision Module operations. This guide was developed to provide clear policy and guidance for the Aerial Supervision Module program.

Manual/Handbook Sections Affected: This guide supplements the BLM Manual 9400, Aviation Management. The BLM Manual 9400 reflects this guide as policy.

Coordination: WO, State Offices, and outside agencies were contacted for input. This document was coordinated with all participating State Fire Management Officers and cooperating fire management agencies.

Contact: Each State Aviation Manager has been provided 5 copies. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this policy, please address them to Rusty Warbis, Flight Standards Pilot, 208-387-5185 or rusty_warbis@nifc.blm.gov. An electronic version or copies are available upon request.

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